

Recreation Committee Mtg Mins 09/26/06

Hopkinton Recreation Committee
September 26, 2006

(These minutes are not official until approved at next month's meeting)

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM

Members in attending: Sharon Nall, Dan Rinden, Selectmen Representative Louise Carr, Recreation Director Robert Mattes and prospective member Lillian Landry.

August minutes approved

Business:

Rob Introduced Lillian Landry to the committee. Lillian is part of the Slusser Center programming sub-committee and has been charged with coordinating the volunteer opportunities that will be taking place when the center opens. Lillian is an active member of the Centennial Senior Center and volunteers on a regular basis at the center. Lillian comes highly recommended from Kim Bouffard who is the volunteer coordinator for the Centennial Senior Center in Concord. As part of the responsibilities for the Volunteer Coordinator, Rob has requested that whoever is organizing the volunteer program also be part of the Recreation Committee in order to keep the main focus of the Recreation Department in all areas of its programs.

Haunted House:

Rob has spoken with Ed Wojnowski regarding the Hopkinton Rotary's involvement with the haunted house project and Ed has mentioned that the some members of the Rotary are interested in getting involved. Rob has given Ed until Wednesday October 4th to give a final answer to what the Rotary is willing/interested in doing for the event.

After a long wait, the Recreation Department has finally obtained a donation box courtesy of Marilyn Cerello-Bresaw the Director of Human Services for the Town of Hopkinton. The box has a Plexiglas face on it can be changed for different events. Sharon Nall will ask the Hopkinton Women's Club if they have someone who may be interested in creating a Halloween front for the donation box.

Louise has been in contact with Cathy Chelsea from the Hopkinton Independent School and requested that they put on the Children's program for the Haunted House. Cathy has agreed and will be working with some of her older students to put the program together. Cathy has requested that she be allowed access to one of the cabins of the event, it has been decided that there will not be enough room in one of the cabins for the activity to take place as there were upwards of 100 children that attended last year. If, necessary Cathy can arrange her presentation on one of the porches and have the children and parents watch from the ground. A better place to have the activity may be the fire pit located in the field. Louise will contact Cathy and let her know of the committee's decision.

Areas to be haunted by the Recreation Department:

Graveyard: It has been decided that the graveyard area will be a Dracula scene. Sharon, Louise, and Dan will be making coffins for the area. The Recreation Department already

has many tombstones from last year's haunted house so there is no need to create more. Sharon will bring the tombstone slates that were used last year. The committee will be getting together on Tuesday October 3rd at the Haunted House work session to begin putting the coffins and other pieces of the haunted house together.

Main Cabin: The main cabin has two sides to haunt. The first side will be haunted by "The Ring" and the second side will be haunted by "The Exorcist." Rob will create a list of materials needed to begin work on "The Ring" and Dan will create a list of materials needed to begin work on "The Exorcist."

Back Cabin: It has been proposed that this cabin be haunted by Dr. Jackal and Mr. Hyde. Louise has been in contact with Peter Sorrell and Peter is interested in playing the role of Dr. Jackal and may be interested in organizing the cabin for the event. Louise will contact Peter again to make sure of this plan.

There has been discussion about the timeframe that is left to get all of the areas completed before the event. The committee agrees that we should get together as much as possible between now and the event day. With that in mind, there will be a working session on Saturday October 14th to begin at 9:00am. It has also been suggested that the group meet every Saturday henceforth to prepare for the event. No decision was made.

Louise has been working very hard to come up with ideas for different contraptions for the event and has accumulated a great collection of ideas. One of the ideas that she will be using is a modified fog machine. Sharon (?) will take care of getting the PVC to create this fog machine.

Rob will contact Jeff at the Boys and Girls Club to find out if they are interested in building the stick people for the "Blair Witch" area. (Rob spoke with Jeff and he said yes, they will be making about 10 stick people).

Louise mentioned that she would like to see the "Children of the Corn" portrayed and the committee decided that it would be good to make a corn husk alley going into the cemetery and have some hands poking through the stalks as people are walking through.

It has been noted that a few of the areas will require more plastic skeletons than the Recreation Department currently has, Rob will purchase a few more plastic skeletons for the event.

Louise will work on making the "Glowing Lady" to be placed in the cage between the two rooms of the main cabin.

Advertisement will need to go out soon for the event and be sure to include the sponsors logos and/or names for recognition purposes.

Additional business:

Val Carr has volunteered to make dessert for the Senior Lunch program for October 25th.

Vernon Miller could not make the meeting tonight so the Breakfast with Santa program discussion has been tabled until the next meeting.

The committee will be meeting at the Common Man Restaurant in Concord on Tuesday November 28th at 6:30 PM for their regular monthly meeting.

Our next Recreation Committee meeting will be Tuesday October 31st @ 6:30 PM in Columbia Hall.

We are adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rob Mattes